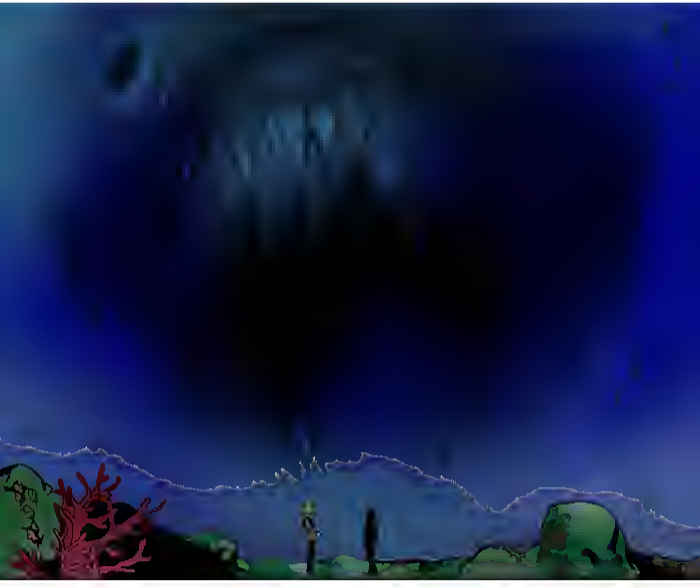
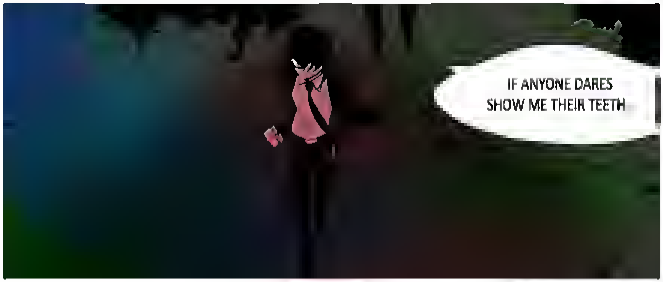
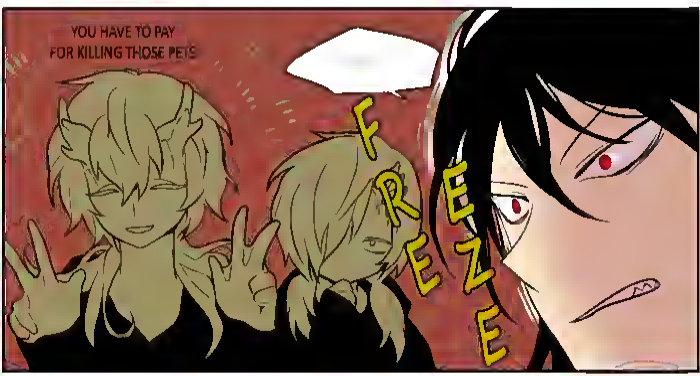


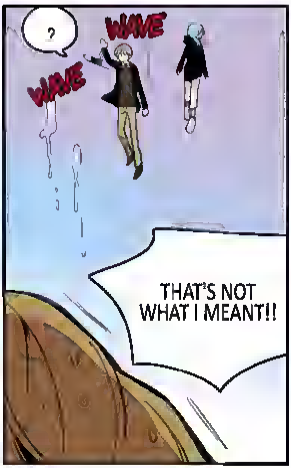
WHAT IS THIS?
GASP....


IF ANYONE DARES
SHOW ME THEIR TEETH

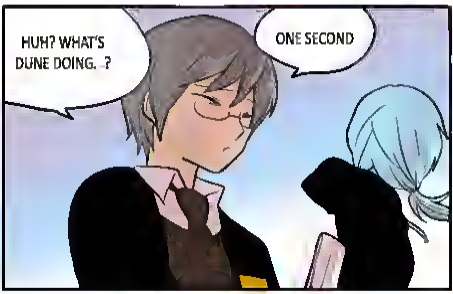

YOU HAVE TO PAY
FOR KILLING THOSE PETS
FREEZE

W... WHAT
ARE YOU DOING?
URGH...
I'M THINKING!

NAGA!
COULD YOU...-

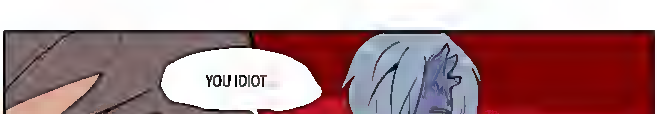

?
WAVE
WAVE
THAT'S NOT
WHAT I MEANT!!

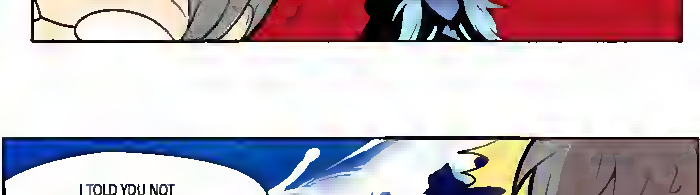
TAP


HUH? WHAT'S DUNE DOING. ?
ONE SECOND

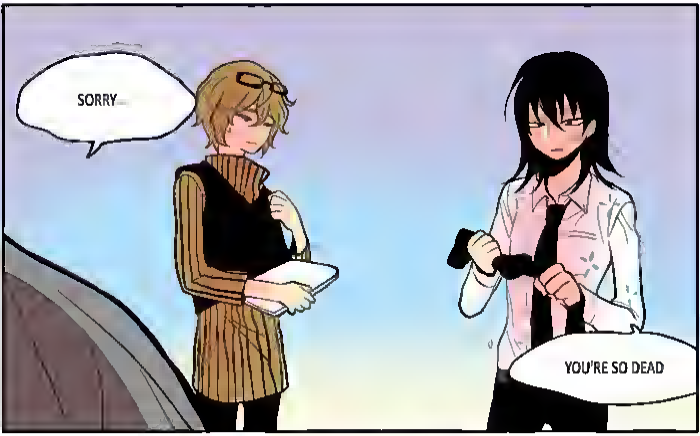
AGH

SHOOT—
I GOT IT
FRE
EZE

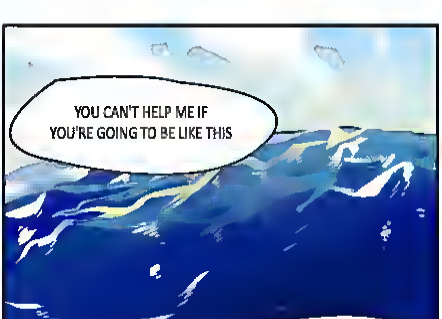

YOU IDIOT


I TOLD YOU NOT
TO GET DISTRACTED
PSSSHHHH
AGH!!

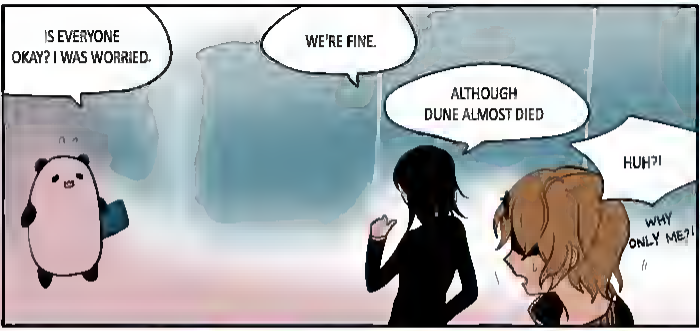
CRAP
TAP


SORRY
YOU'RE SO DEAD

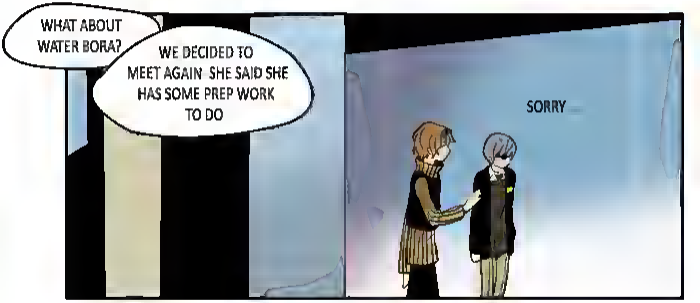
S-STILL, EVEN MY LAPTOP IS STILL FINE BECAUSE WATER BORA SAVED US SO QUICKLY

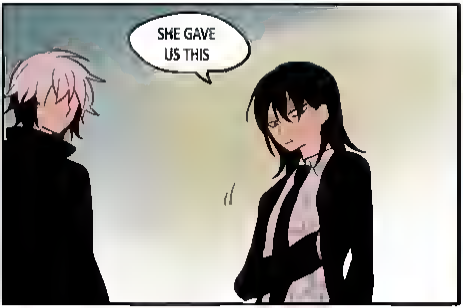

YOU CAN'T HELP ME IF
YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIKE THIS
YOU CAN'T GET DISTRACTED
FOR EVEN AN INSTANT—
NOT EVEN AN INSTANT—

CHIEF

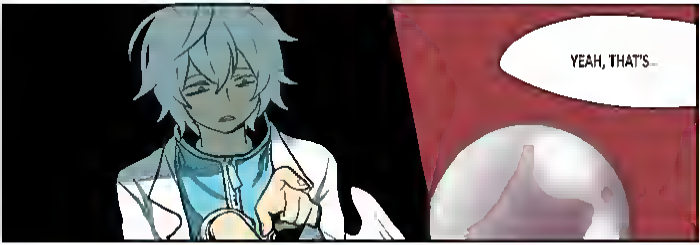

IS EVERYONE OKAY? I WAS WORRIED.
WE'RE FINE.
ALTHOUGH DUNE ALMOST DIED
HUH?!
WHY ONLY ME?!

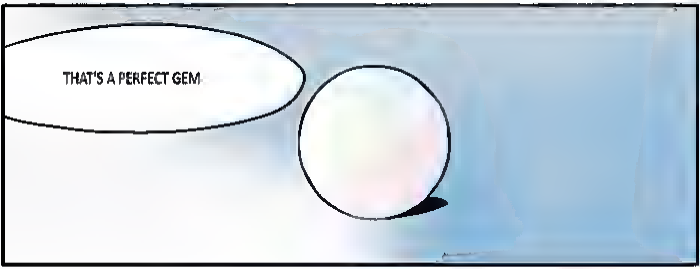
I CAN HOLD MY BREATH FOR AROUND 11 MINUTES
↓40 SECONDS
ARE YOU A WHALE?


WHAT ABOUT WATER BORA?
WE DECIDED TO MEET AGAIN. SHE SAID SHE HAS SOME PREP WORK TO DO
SORRY


SHE GAVE US THIS

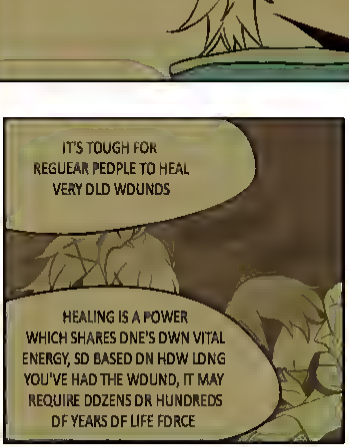
TO COVER THE COST OF THE REPAIRS


YEAH, THAT'S...


THAT'S A PERFECT GEM

THEY'RE IMMORTAL TOO
SO THEY DON'T GET OLD OR DIE.

BUT THEIR WOUNDS DON'T HEAL
THEY HAVE TO LIVE WITH
THEIR BODY AS IT IS. FOR DOZENS
OR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.

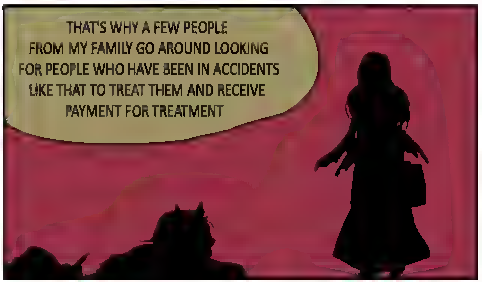

IT'S TOUGH FOR
REGULAR PEOPLE TO HEAL
VERY OLD WOUNDS
HEALING IS A POWER
WHICH SHARES ONE'S OWN VITAL
ENERGY, SO BASED ON HOW LONG
YOU'VE HAD THE WOUND, IT MAY
REQUIRE DOZENS OR HUNDREDS
OF YEARS OF LIFE FORCE

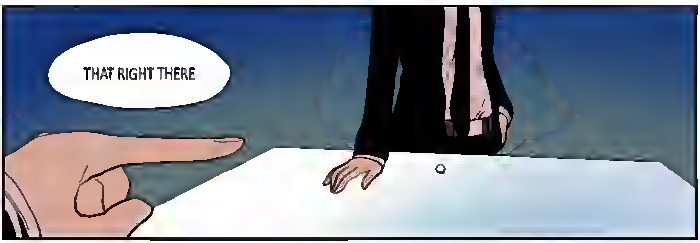
IT DOESN'T MATTER TO US SINCE WE DON'T DIE, BUT IT'S TOUGH FOR REGULAR HUMANS
SO

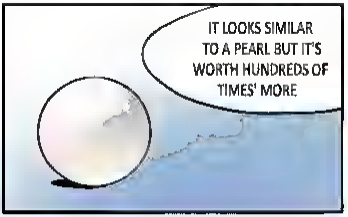
IF THEY SMASH THEIR HEAD IN OR THEIR BODY IS CRUSHED—

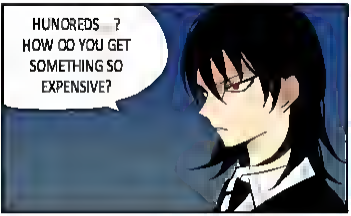
THEY MAY HAVE TO LIVE LIKE THAT FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS—

SCRATCH
SCRATCH

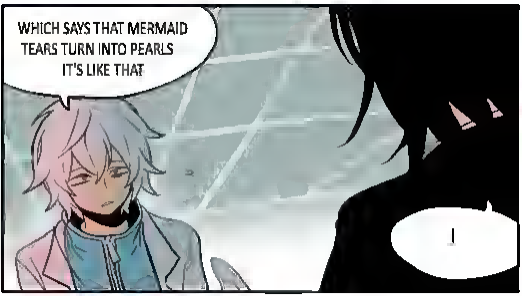

THAT'S WHY A FEW PEOPLE
FROM MY FAMILY GO AROUND LOOKING
FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IN ACCIDENTS
LIKE THAT TO TREAT THEM AND RECEIVE
PAYMENT FOR TREATMENT


THAT RIGHT THERE


IT LOOKS SIMILAR TO A PEARL BUT IT'S WORTH HUNDREDS OF TIMES' MORE


HUNDREDS ?
HOW DO YOU GET SOMETHING SO EXPENSIVE?

THERE'S A LEGEND


WHICH SAYS THAT MERMAID TEARS TURN INTO PEARLS
IT'S LIKE THAT
I

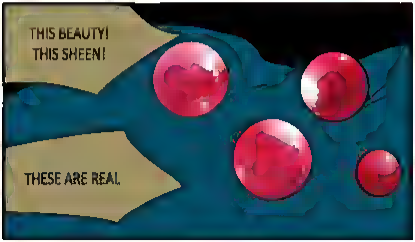
WELL, STRICTLY SPEAKING, THEY'RE NOT MERMAIDS
SO THIS IS A TEAR?

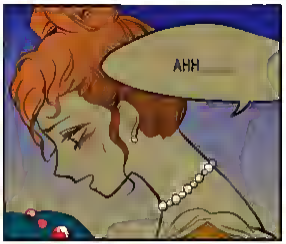
.....THEN THOSE WOUNDS ALL OVER HER BODY.....
MUST BE TRACES OF PERSECUTION FROM HUMANS WANTING THESE—

BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND
THUD
CAT
CH
IT'S NOT THAT HARD TO SHED TEARS, RIGHT? WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO BEFRIEND THEM AND THEN ENCOURAGE THEM TO GIVE THEM TEARS?
IF YOU PERSECUTE THEM, THEY RESIST OUT OF SPITE AND IT BECOMES HARDER TO OBTAIN.
THAT'S RIGHT... THE HUMANS WHO WANTED THESE WERE FRIENDLY AT FIRST
THE SEA PEOPLE WERE ALSO COOPERATIVE SINCE THEY FIGURED THEY COULD LIVE IN PEACE IF THEY JUST GAVE THEM THESE
BUT HUMANS DISCOVERED SOMETHING FAR MORE VALUABLE...
YOU SEE...

IT BECOMES A GEM WITHOUT MIXING WITH ANY OTHER LIQUID, BUT IT'S HARDENED BY MIXING WITH THEIR BODILY FLUID.

LOOK AT THIS!


THIS BEAUTY!
THIS SHEEN!
THESE ARE REAL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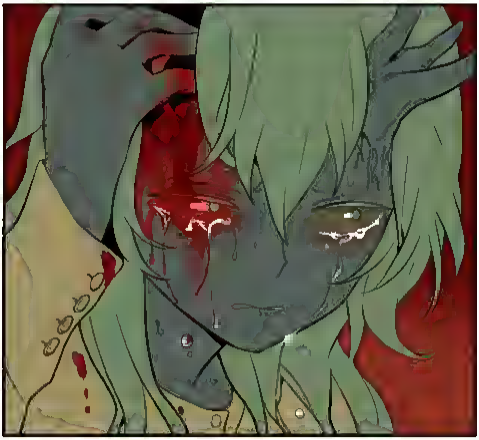
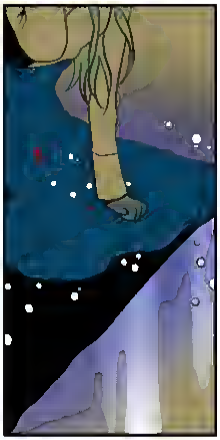


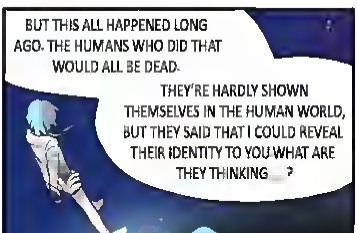


THESE ARE JUST GLASS MARBLES COMPARED TO THOSE
THEY'RE TOO COMMON...

NOT JUST BLOOD.
SOMETHING ELSE...
THAT'S RIGHT. MAYBE IT GETS MIXED WITH SKIN OR BONE...

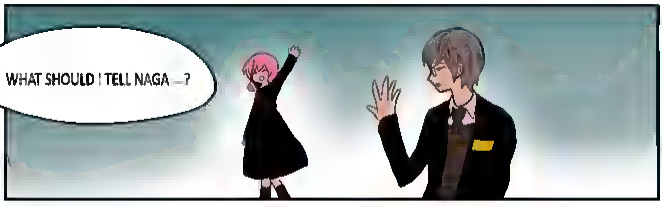
SOMETHING JUST FOR ME...

WHAT DOES SHE WANT?
I'M NOT SURE—
IF THIS IS REVENGE,
WE COULD HELP HER UNDER
THE PRETEXT OF ARREST


BUT THIS ALL HAPPENED LONG AGO. THE HUMANS WHO DID THAT WOULD ALL BE DEAD.
THEY'RE HARDLY SHOWN THEMSELVES IN THE HUMAN WORLD, BUT THEY SAID THAT I COULD REVEAL THEIR IDENTITY TO YOU.WHAT ARE THEY THINKING...?

THEY MUST BE TRYING TO GET REVENGE ON ALL HUMANS
THAT CAN'T BE. SHE'S VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT HER BODY

SHE TREMBLES WITH FEAR EVEN AT THE THOUGHT OF GETTING SCRATCHED.
SINCE IT DOESN'T HEAL.
HMM

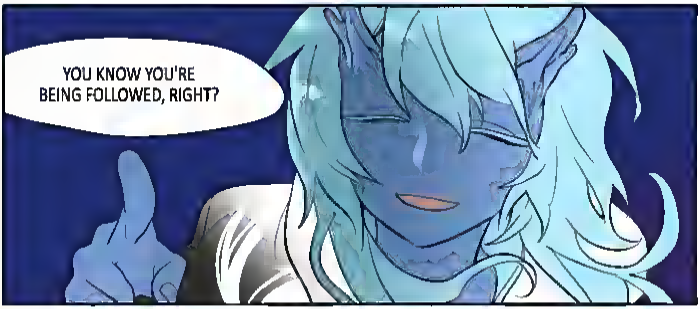

WHAT SHOULD I TELL NAGA —?

WHO
OSH

HM?

HUH

HEY


YOU KNOW YOU'RE
BEING FOLLOWED, RIGHT?

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